

SIGHTING OF BANDIT REPORTED

Villa Seen South of Parral Says Message
from Consul; No Official Word Re-
ceived from Pershing; Ameri-
cans Still Going

SWIFT ADVANCE OF TROOPS IS SURPRISE

Supposed to Be Nearing Durango State
Line Today; Fifteen Thousand Car-
ranzas Marching North from
Torreon to Start Campaign

By United Press.
San Antonio, Tex., April 4.—Ameri-
can Consul Fletcher, at Chihuahua
City, in a message to Gen. Funston to-
day, reported that Villa had been seen
south of Parral. Up to noon no offi-
cial word had been received from
Gen. Pershing.

By United Press.
El Paso, Tex., April 4.—The Ameri-
can troops today are believed to be
approaching the Durango state line,
far south of Chihuahua City.

The swift advance of the troops has
surprised army officers here. On
Friday Col. Dorr's cavalry appeared
near Chihuahua. With Villa and his
eight men about fifty miles south,
headed for the Durango mountains, it
is not believed that Villa intends to
form a junction with the forces of
Camuto Reyes in the Torreon district.

The reported movement of fifteen
thousand Carranzistas northward from
Torreon is believed to indicate the
beginning of the announced campaign
of Carranza against the revolutionists.

The prolonged absence of any offi-
cial report in regard to the status of
the pursuit of the bandits has result-
ed in a request from Washington to
Gen. Pershing for a detailed state-
ment.

While no American soldiers have
been killed in battle four have died
from illness or accidental injury. Three
hundred who have returned from
the expedition are being treated in
the Fort Bliss hospital.

Credit for Col. Erwin.
By United Press.
Dublin, Mexico, April 4.—Credit for
the seventeen hours night ride and
five hours' fight which has been given
to Col. Dorr goes to Col. Erwin who
led four hundred of Dorr's men in the
center of the triple advance on Guer-
rero.

Send More Troops.

By United Press.
Washington, April 4.—Additional
American soldiers were sent across
the border at Columbus two days ago,
the war department announced today.

Mexican Currency Advances.

By United Press.
Galveston, Tex., April 4.—According
to cable advices from Mexico City the
exchange of constitutionalist currency
is now twenty-five to one, an in-
crease of fifty per cent in gold value
within a week.

Mexican Aristocrats Begging

By United Press.
San Antonio, Tex., April 4.—Hun-
dreds of once wealthy Mexican aristo-
crats walk the streets of San Antonio
today, pitifully eager for any kind of
work, at any wages they can get.

These men, women and children are
divided into two classes: the shabby-
genteel and the ragged. All of them
were driven from broad acres and
lives of luxury by sentences of death
that today still await their return to
sneaking Mexico. They prefer to stay
here and be poor.

Other hundreds—there are about
6,000 Mexican refugees here—were
fortunate enough to bring gold with
them when they fled from the hand of
too much trouble. They live in great
style; and there are fashionable shops
and exclusive places to live here, that
are supported largely by them.

Most of these refugees, proud of
their pure Castilian blood, new to
poverty and its humiliations, sensi-
tive to charity, will accept any em-
ployment to keep from becoming pub-
lic or private charges.

A copy boy on one of the local

American newspapers here, earning
\$6.00 per week, was, until the fall of
Huerta, the petted son of a Mexican
family of Tamaulipas whose boast was
that their ranch was a day's horse-
back ride in length and breadth.

Among this number are several hun-
dred Catholic priests and other digni-
taries of the church. Many of these
exiles have been deprived of their es-
tates through some whirl or the other
of the rapidly revolving wheel of
Mexican fortune.

Residents tell of highly educated
graduates of Chapultepec Military
Academy, the West Point of Mexico,
former captains, majors and even colo-
nels in the army of old Porfirio Diaz,
who fled the country with him at his
fall and who have refused to ally
themselves with either Carranza or
Villa, working as saloon porters, dish
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FAIR BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

Yesterday afternoon the board of
county commissioners appointed
township members of the Grady
County Free Fair Association, acting
in making the appointments in com-
pliance with a request filed with the
board earlier in the day by O. C. Co-
oper, agricultural agent of the county.

In asking the appointment of the
township members Mr. Cooper filed,
with the board of county commis-
sioners, the following:

"To the Honorable Commissioners,
"Grady County:
"I respectfully ask you to appoint
township members for the fair as-
sociation of the following townships:
Harrison township, J. M. Dobbs, R.
T. Mesely; Rush Springs township,
Dr. Hampton, J. R. Bentley; Starr
township, Kiah May, Mr. Richardson;
Bradley township, John S. Smith, Roy
C. Smith; Alex township, W. O. Nor-
vell, J. M. Campbell, F. J. Hamilton;
Chandler township, Dud Roland, Dan
Stevens; Shirley township, Charlie
Protzman, R. N. Ransbarger; Middle-
brook township, C. H. Gibson, T. P.
Beast, Washington township, Willis C.
West, William Blake.

"Twelve of our townships hold elec-
tions and elected their members; but
the townships above did not hold any
elections. If you men know of any
man in any of these townships that
would make a better man for the
place than these I have, I would
thank you to appoint them.

"Respectfully submitted,
"O. C. COOPER,
"County Agent, Grady county, Okla."

VETS HOLD LOVE FEAST

Capt. G. G. Buchanan, commander,
being ill, Col. Jack Hale, his aid, and
Judge J. D. Vance, secretary of the
camp, have taken the preliminary
steps toward the holding of the an-
nual "love feast" of Joe Shelby camp
U. C. V., announcing Saturday, April
15 as the date and the city hall in
Chickasha as the place for the gath-
ering.

"We want all the veterans and their
ladies to be present," said Col. Hale.
"It is particularly urged that members
of the camp be on hand. The annual
reunion will be held at Birmingham,
Ala., May 16-18, and our camp dues
must be paid up before that time in
order that we may be in good stand-
ing."

TUTTLE GOING AFTER

GRAND PRIZE AGAIN

Frank P. Henry, a real estate dealer
of Tuttle, spent yesterday in Chicka-
sha on business. While here Mr.
Henry stated that Tuttle was going
after the first prize at the coming
Grady County fair and figured on
landing it this fall just like it did last
fall. Mr. Henry stated that Tuttle
raised the biggest lot of corn, and
several other things, of any community
in Grady county.

KONAWA COUPLE MARRIED

Dan J. Albright, aged 28, and Miss
Evelyn Smith, aged 23, both of Kon-
awa, were granted a marriage license
yesterday evening. Later the couple
repaired to the residence of Rev. Law-
rence L. Cohen, Jr., pastor of the Wes-
ley Methodist church and were mar-

VILLA BANDITS IN ACTION IN MEXICO



GASOLINE TANK AGAIN TO FRONT

Validity of New Ordinance to Be Tested in
Sunshine Case; Coffman Agrees
to Await Decision of
Judge Linn

The matter of the gasoline tank in
front of the Sunshine grocery, which
has been a bone of contention between
the management of that store and the
city's department of justice, came to
the front this morning before the may-
or in an effort to test the legality of
the ordinance prohibiting mainte-
nance of gasoline storage receptacles
on certain portions and within certain
limits on Chickasha avenue.

Attorney Alger Melton was present
as representative for the defendant
company, with its representative,
Manager McGinley. The matter,
however, did not come to a trial, but
was passed by agreement between
Mr. Melton and Mayor Coffman until
such time as Judge Linn of the dis-
trict court will return to Chickasha.
Judge Linn is holding court in An-
darks this week and will possibly be
back in Chickasha during the last of
the week. Mayor Coffman stated, this
morning that immediately upon the
return of Judge Linn the matter
would be threshed out and said that
the city would be governed by the
ruling of the court.

The main point in the controversy
will be whether or not the defendant
company, through its management,
can lawfully maintain a gasoline sup-
ply station on Chickasha avenue, and
whether or not the ordinance in ques-
tion can operate against this company.

The Sunshine company is alleged to
have put in the supply station some
weeks ago over the protest of certain
city officials. An old ordinance is on
the city's statute books which pro-
vides against the obstruction of the
sidewalks along the business streets
of the city. It was claimed at a re-
cent meeting of the city council that
this ordinance had sufficient provi-
sions embodied in it to cover the case
in point, but that its enforcement
might work a hardship upon a number
of Chickasha avenue business men
through compelling the removal of all
signs and other obstructions from the
sidewalks. In order that the installa-
tion of gasoline supply stations might
be eliminated on Chickasha avenue
without affecting other matters, the
new ordinance was passed, which pro-
vides that no such station may be
maintained at any point on Chickasha
avenue between First and Sixth
streets.

The management of the Sunshine
Grocery company, it is alleged, will
claim that this ordinance is an ex post
facto law and being such cannot be
enforced.

Mrs. Ross Day and children, who
have been spending the winter with
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Estes,
left yesterday for her home in Par-
sons, Kansas.

The couple asked that their
marriage be kept quiet for a few
weeks, stating that they were going
to Wyoming and wanted to surprise
some friends in Oklahoma City.

BOY SCOUT COMPANY ORGANIZED

J. H. Mills Launches Movement Among
Lads; Not Military Organization but
School of Character; Motto is
"Do Good Turn Daily"

A company of the "Boy Scouts of
America" has been organized in
Chickasha, with Scout Master J. H.
Mills in charge and Rev. G. Lyle
Smith, M. H. Shepard, Jno. T. Meador
and R. P. Smith constituting the in-
itiative scout committee.

The scouts meet every Thursday af-
ternoon at 4:15 o'clock in the A. O. U.
W. hall, over the Gilkey-Jarboe re-
tail hardware store. All boys between
the ages of 12 and 18 are eligible to
membership.

Scout Master J. H. Mills has receiv-
ed his recognition from the Boy
Scouts' headquarters in New York city,
and is rapidly perfecting a permanent
organization in Chickasha.

In speaking of the Boy Scouts and
the organization of the Chickasha
boys, Mr. Mills said:

"The boy scout movement is not
antagonistic to any civic enterprise,
but rather seeks to co-operate with
all other good governments in the in-
terests of American boys. The move-
ment is wholly non-sectarian and
plans to work with every sect and
creed alike; it is non-military and
seeks to promote 'peace scouting' and
to develop educational character
building for good citizenship. It seeks
to make the boy a more useful and
appreciative son to his parents; a
more diligent and obedient student in
his school life; a more valuable aid to
the community in promoting its ma-
terial progress and protection.

"Among the prominent representa-
tive men of this country who are mem-
bers of the Boy Scout Council and who
give financial and moral aid to the or-
ganization, are Woodrow Wilson, Wil-
liam Howard Taft, William J. Bryan,
Theodore Roosevelt, with Daniel C.
Beard, National Scout Commissioner.
"The motto of the Boy Scouts is,
'Do a good turn daily.' Speak a good
word for them."

RELEASE OF GERMANS IS REFUSED

By United Press.

Washington, April 4.—An issue over
which England disputed for more than
a century and which was one of the
main causes of one war between the
two nations bristled up again today
when England refused in a lengthy
note to comply with the American de-
mand for the release of thirty Ger-
mans who were taken from the Ameri-
can liner China at sea in February.

This note today took precedence of
the submarine question at the cabinet
meeting, little new information in re-
gard to the latter being available.

ROAD DEAL IS AT LAST ADJUSTED

Recommendation of Highway Engineer as
to Bridge is Accepted by Board
and Agreement is Reached
with Hill

In the matter of the moving of the
bridge on the Lucile road, the chang-
ing of the routing, the securing of new
right-of-way over the lands of Dave
Hill and the final settling of the open-
ing of the road, which was left for
further consideration at noon yester-
day by the board of county commis-
sioners, it was recommended by the
county road engineer, at the afternoon
session of the board, that the bridge
be left in its present location and
that the road be changed on the east
side of said bridge to run north 118
yards and thence a mile to the sec-
tion line just west of the tank dam.

Dave Hill was reported as being wil-
ling to allow the road changed across
the ten acres provided he should be
paid at the rate of \$65 per acre for the
right-of-way and that a three wire
fence be constructed upon one side of
the road and a hog-proof fence, upon
the other.

This morning Commissioner Robin-
son reported to the board that F. M.
Morrow, of the Lucile township board,
had made a counter proposition to
Dave Hill offering to pay him at the
rate of \$25 per acre for the right-of-
way and that Hill had told him to "go
to it."

The matter of the F. R. Cook road
counting up it was referred to the Shire-
ley township board for adjustment.
Mr. Cooke agreeing to donate all
lands for right-of-way purposes where
the road traverses his lands.

Mayor Coffman, of the city of Chick-
asha, appeared before the board and
asked that the county aid in building
a new bridge across Lips creek, on
Fourth street. Passed without action.

At the morning session today the
matter of the allowance of claims and
accounts filed against the city has oc-
cupied the attention of the board.

A number of claims have been dis-
allowed, including one claim of a
Chickasha physician for a fee of \$50
as an expert witness in the matter of
the State of Oklahoma vs. A. B.
Wright, disposed of at the last regular
term of district court.

O'NEILL TO HELP DRAFT
ARGUMENT ON AMENDMENT

Senator Thos. J. O'Neill, of this city,
has received notice from Lieutenant
Governor Trapp, presiding officer of
the state senate, that he has been ap-
pointed as a member of the commit-
tee composed of senators and repre-
sentatives, to draft arguments in fa-
vor of the adoption of the constitu-
tional amendment that is proposed by sen-
ate joint resolution No. 18. The
amendment concerns the reorganiza-
tion of the higher courts of the state.
The committee will meet in Oklahoma
City on April 10.

In previous cases England has re-
leased persons seized as were the
Germans, upon America's request. In
the present instance the British ap-
parently intend to have a show-down.

WEATHER FORECAST.
For Oklahoma.

Tonight rain, colder; Wed-
nes unsettled; probably rain.
Local Temperature.

During 24 hours ending 3
a. m. today:
Maximum, 65; minimum, 43.

PUNISHMENT ASSESSED
W. S. Winters, who was found guilty
of transporting and conveying in-
toxicating liquor by a jury in Judge
Davenport's court, appeared before
the judge this morning and was fined
in the sum of \$50 and costs and given
a jail sentence of 30 days. The costs
in the case, accrued to date, amount
to a total of \$57.90.

TO SELECT SITE FOR BUILDING

The board of education met in reg-
ular session at the high school last
night. All the members were present.
Mr. Smith, the architect for the new
building, was present and submitted
his plans for the new building. After
some slight modifications these will
be approved by the board, it is un-
derstood. The plans call for a building
on the unit system.

The board has been waiting for the
attorney general to approve the bonds
recently voted, as he has stated that
he will pass favorably on the issue
no time will be lost in getting the new
building in process of construction.

The board will meet again at 1 p.
m. next Friday, the 7th, in the office
of Alger Melton, to decide on the loca-
tion of the new building and will be
ready to close a deal for same should
satisfactory terms be submitted on a
desirable block. It is the desire of
the board that all persons who are in-
terested in selling a suitable block of
ground for the new school building
submit their proposition in writing
signed by every person interested in
the block and mail same in the form
of a sealed bid to Wm. F. Ramey, sec-
retary, before the hour fixed for the
meeting next Friday.

SALE MONDAY HEAVY

Arthur Ernsland who, together with
Roy C. Smith, clerked the First Mon-
day sale, conducted in Chickasha yes-
terday, with Col. Hubbard acting as
auctioneer, stated this morning that
the sale would, in his opinion run well
beyond the \$2,000 mark. Mr. Ernsland
stated that the stock and farm im-
plements sold to parties who settled with
him exceeded \$1,200 in value and that
stock and implements sold, the set-
tlement not passing through his hands
would be at least \$1,200 more.

TEMPLE IS CANDIDATE

J. A. Temple, of this city, has an-
nounced his candidacy for county
commissioner of the central district,
subject to the approval of Democratic
voters in the primary to be held in
August.

Mr. Temple is a native of Texas but
long since became thoroughly acclim-
ated to his adopted state, having
been a resident of Chickasha for sev-
enteen years. For ten years he served
as a member of the city council
till he declined to fill the position
longer. As an alderman he was al-
ways on the job, ardently devoted to
serving the best interests of the city.

Born on a farm, Mr. Temple follow-
ed the pursuit of tilling the soil for
many years and later engaged in the
hardware business at Cement, Okla-
homa, where he achieved marked suc-
cess. He has always been an active
member of the Democratic party, on
the firing line whenever a battle was
to be fought. As a citizen his stand-
ing in the community is the best, his
integrity being unquestioned.

"I regard the position of a county
commissioner as primarily a business
position," said Mr. Temple, "and
if the people see fit to elect me it will
be my sole purpose to see that the
business affairs of the county are
honestly, economically and progres-
sively administered. I shall be grate-
ful to all who give me their support."

FRENCH TO FALL BACK AT VERDUN

Bethincourt is Three-Fourths Surrounded
and Under Fierce Attack from Ar-
tillery; Germans Plan to Attack
Lines on Southwest Front

BRITISH MUNITION FACTORY IS BURNED

Admiralty Denies Blaze Started by Recent
Zeppelin Raid; Holland is Reported
to Be Massing Troops on
German Frontier

By United Press.
London, April 4.—Three-fourths sur-
rounded under a terrific bombardment
from German artillery, Bethincourt is
expected by military critics to be
evacuated by the French within a few
hours, following the receipt of today's
news from the fighting about Verdun.

Unable to make further progress on
the northeast Verdun front, it is be-
lieved that the Germans now plan to
take Bethincourt, another the French
lines on the southwest front and then
drive the French back upon their
first permanent fortifications near
Fismes.

Powder Factory Fire.

By United Press.
London, April 4.—Two hundred per-
sons were killed or injured in a pow-
der factory fire in the county of Kent,
it was officially announced today.

The fire occurred last week, the
news being withheld, the German ad-
miralty having reported that the Zepp-
elin raid Friday night started sever-
al fires in munition factories near
London. Kent adjoins London on the
southeast. The official statement to-
day claims that the fire was acci-
dental.

Dutch Frontier Closed.

By United Press.
Rome, via London, April 4.—Reports
from Rome today stated that Holland
had closed her German frontier and
was massing troops on the German
border. The information came to
Rome from Zurich and was not con-
firmed from other sources.
Berlin denies the report, claiming
that the Dutch military measures
were intended as a warning to the al-
lies that Holland will resist any at-
tempt to force her to aid the allies in
their plan to starve Germany.

New Budget Presented.

By United Press.
London, April 4.—In introducing the
new budget in the house of commons
today the chancellor of the exchequer
stated that it was his belief that the
war would last at least till the end of
an entire fiscal year.

Under Secretary of War Trennand,
in the house of commons today, de-
clared that London's air defenses had
proved satisfactory, claiming that
three Zeppelin attacks had been re-
pulsed.

Food Supplies in Germany.

(By Carl W. Ackerman, United Press
Staff Correspondent.)
Berlin, April 4.—So many unexpect-
ed supplies reach Berlin that a state-
ment of Germany's food situation is
difficult.

So many different kinds of food
stuffs are on the market today that
one wonders whether the English
blockade has gone out of business or
whether Turkey and Bulgaria are
yielding up their stores for Germany.

Whatever the cause, the result is
apparent. Germany has more varie-
ties of food on the market today and
larger supplies than at any time dur-
ing the winter. A good deal of food
slips by the blockade.

For this reason it may safely be
stated that the crisis in the food sit-
uation for this winter is passed.
Spring and summer with their garden
vegetables and supplies will prevent
any critical shortage then, unless it
be in meats.

For several days there have been
rumors that there would soon be four
meatless days a week, but this was
officially denied by the Lokal Anzei-
ger. The better situation still is acute
but the authorities are issuing but-
ter.

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